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THEATRE-ROYAL.

On SATURDAY Evening next will be presented, a Comedy, called,

THE JEALOUS WIFE.

Oakley,	Mr ROSS.
Charles,	Mr WOODS.
Ruffet,	Mr JOHNSON.
Captain O'Cutter,	Mr KELLY.
Major Oakley,	Mr FOWLER.
Mrs Oakley,	Mrs TAPLIN.
Harriot,	Miss HURST.
Lady Freelove,	Mrs HEAPHEY.

To which will be added, a Farce, called

BON TON.

Sir John Trotley,	Mr FOWLER.
Davy,	Mr JOHNSON.
Lady Minikin,	Mrs TAPLIN.
Miss Tittup,	Miss HURST.

☞ The CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS, written by Miss LEE, is in rehearsal, and will be performed as soon as possible.

ROYAL BANK, Edinburgh, 29th November 1780.

THE Court of Directors of the Royal Bank of Scotland give notice, That the General Court of Proprietors held yesterday, having declared a Dividend of Six per Cent. to be payable on their Capital Stock, for the half year ending at Christmas next, the same will begin to be paid to the Proprietors on Thursday the 11th day of January next; and so continue thereafter at the usual hours of attendance in the Bank. And in order to settle the said Dividend, no transfer of stock will be made from Thursday the 21st December, to Thursday the said 11th day of January, both inclusive.

ARCHd. HOPE Secretary.

PANTHEON.

Mary's Chapel.

THE Society have appointed the following Question to be the subject of debate TO MORROW, being Thursday the 11th current, "Whether does JOY or GRIEF make the strongest Impression upon the "Mind?"

Upon this occasion, TWO SILVER MEDALS will be adjudged; and at the subsequent Meeting presented; one to the best Speaker in point of ORATORY, and the other to the person who shall deliver the best speech in point of COMPOSITION.

Tickets to be had of the Members, and at Mr Swan's shop, as usual.

The debate to begin precisely at EIGHT o'clock.

CANONGATE CHARITY WORK-HOUSE.

THE ANNUAL COLLECTION for the Charity Work-House, was made at the door of the Church on Sabbath last.——The number of poor, always considerable in so populous a parish, is now encreased by many employed at present in defence of their country, having left families unprovided, and well entitled to the public charity. It is hoped the inhabitants will continue their [illegible] institution.

Those who have not seats in the church, may send their collections either to the Poors House, or Bailie Daniel Miller, grocer, head of New Street, or to Mr James Wood, treasurer, who will grant receipts, if desired.

LANGUAGE.

UBALD OLIVIERI, who for several years was Professor of Italian at Lausanne in Switzerland, and afterwards at London, offers his services as a Teacher of the ITALIAN LANGUAGE to the Nobility and Gentry.

Mr Olivieri will be found at Mrs Sutherland's, at the head of Borthwick's Close, High Street, Edinburgh.

A PACKET, containing BANK NOTES, was

some time ago advertised as being put into the Post Office at Perth, and addressed to Mr Keay, at Bank of Scotland, which did not come to hand.—The Packet is now received; and it appears, that the frank covering it was, by mistake, addressed to LONDON instead of *Edinburgh*.

A MOLE-CATCHER WANTED,

TO clear a large Grass Farm at Bruceficld, in Clackmannan shire.—He must bring a character from some respectable person, and the rate that he works at.

TO BE SOLD,

THE LODGING, on the north side of St Andrew's Square, Edinburgh, belonging to Sir John Pringle, Bart. Apply to Harry Davidson writer in Edinburgh.

TO be FEUED, by public roup, within the Council Chamber of Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 24th day of January current, at six o'clock afternoon,

That Lot of BUILDING GROUND lying on the east side of St Andrew's Square, bounded on the north by Sir Laurence Dundas's property, marked on the feuing plan W. W. and measuring about 50 feet in front, and 160 feet backwards, under the express condition of building the front and north wall exactly similar to the front and south wall of Mr Crosbie's house, on the north of Sir Laurence Dundas's property.

The articles of roup to be seen in the hands of the city clerks.

FOR SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION,

Within the house of Patrick Heron vintner, Glasgow, on Monday the 22d January curt. at twelve o'clock mid-day,

(*For account of the Owners of the Ship BELLONA PRIVATEER,*)

THE CARGO of the Prize Dutch Snow CATHARINA, from Saint Domingo, consisting of about 1630 Bags, weighing about 1¼ Cwt. each, and 120 Casks COFFEE; And 33 Hhds. and 2 Tierces of CLAYED SUGAR; And about 200 DRIED HIDES.

To be set up in lots, as purchasers may incline.

A deposite of 25 per cent. to be made in the hands of William Cunninghame, by each buyer at the time of sale, and the remainder to be paid in 30 days, or at the delivery; but, if not taken away by that time, the deposit to be forfeited; and any deficiency that may arise, with all charges attending the re-sale, to be made good by the first purchaser.

The duties for home consumption or exportation to be paid by the purchasers.

The buyer to receive the goods at the cellar in Port-Glasgow, where they are deposited, at the weights and in the condition they passed the King's scale, and to take upon him every risk and charge from the day of sale.

At the same time and place to be SOLD,

The Snow CATHARINA, with all her Materials, agreeable to inventary to be then shown, and upon the same terms and conditions as mentioned above.

N. B. Samples of the sugar and coffee to be seen at the cellars of William Cunninghame, Glasgow, any time before the day of sale.

GLASGOW, 26th December 1780.

DRUGS and MEDICINES, &c. to be SOLD in Wholesale.

JAMES DONALD Druggist, begs to acquaint the public, that he has now on hand a very large stock, which he is selling at his warehouse, opposite the Guard, on the most reasonable terms, having purchased them at the original markets for ready money.

Also a large quantity of Galls and Caraway Seeds.

N. B. Mr Donald being a member of the Turkey Company, can afford Drugs, &c. as good and cheap as they can be had any where else in Britain.

MEETING OF THE FEUARS OF EXTENDED ROYALTY.

THE ADJOURNED GENERAL MEETING of the Feuars of the extended Royalty of the City of Edinburgh, is to be held within Prince's-street coffeehouse, upon Monday next the 15th day of January current, at one o'clock afternoon; and as matters of public police, and particularly the present state of the shambles, will be under consideration, it is hoped the feuars will be punctual in their attendance.

From the JAMAICA GAZETTE.

Montego Bay, Oct. 7.

ON Monday night, the 2d instant, about twelve o'clock, there came on a storm of wind and rain, which continued with unremitted violence from the south-east, until twelve o'clock on Tuesday, when the weather appeared to be then a little moderated. About four o'clock the wind seemed to be quite southerly, but increased (accompanied with incessant rain) to such an amazing degree, as about dark to threaten general ruin and destruction. The darkness of the night added fresh horrors to the general apprehensions; and a circumstance, which on ordinary occasions would have been considered as peculiarly terrifying) (the immense and prodigious flashes of lightning which regularly succeeded each other) was an alleviation to the general consternation, and the only security to the very few whose peculiar situations permitted or inclined them to venture through the streets, and afford comfort and relief to the distresses of their neighbours. About twelve o'clock the storm began to abate, but the many instances of desolation and distress which even then presented themselves to our view, and which we began to be apprized of from different quarters of the town, afforded suggestions to the mind which rendered the approach of morn truly terrible.

Our descriptive powers are inadequate to impressing proper ideas of the many and variegated scenes of calamity and distress, which the new day presented to our view.

It is impossible, at present, to recount the particular losses of every individual; many houses in this town have been destroyed. All the small craft in the harbour, together with the ship Petersfield, which had been preserved and repaired after the shipwreck of last February, are totally lost.

Montego Bay, Oct. 14. The number of people found dead, and missing, from the late hurrkane on the 3d instant, are in all 63 whites, about 50 mulattoes, and 150 negro slaves.

St Jago de la Vega, Oct. 12. At Savanna la Mar, on the afternoon of Tuesday the 2d instant, about three o'clock, the wind began to blow [illegible] and drop the houses of their shingles. Between five and [illegible] began to rise, and continued for near an hour to swell to a most amazing height, overflowing the ill-fated town of Savanna la Mar, and the low lands adjacent. From this time until eight o'clock, the force of the winds, and the impetuosity of the waves, overthrew and demolished every house in that unfortunate place, and buried most of the inhabitants in the ruins. A little after eight it began to abate, but nevertheless continued to blow very hard until midnight, when the wind veered round to the westward. No pen can describe the horrors of the scene which the morning presented to the sight of the few who survived to lament the fate of their wretched neighbours; the earth strewed with the mangled bodies of the dead and dying, some with broken limbs, who in that situation, had been tossed about during the storm, and afterwards left on the wet, naked earth, to languish out the night in agonies, with no hand to help, or eye to pity them! Humanity recoils at the contemplation of such unheard-of calamities, and every feeling heart must melt at the bare recital!

The ships Henry, Princess Royal, and Austin Hall, then at anchor in the harbour, with two or three doggers, were driven from their moorings, and carried a considerable way up into the morass; from whence it will be impossible to get them off. The Princess Royal had four anchors out, and the crew were attempting to get out a fifth, when the wind carried it fairly off the deck some distance into the sea. One of the ships went over the fort, the parapet of which, at other times, is about 15 feet above the level of the water. The Trimmer, a packet from Rattan, which lay at Blueficlds, was likewise sent ashore, but all the hands were saved, though some belonging to the other vessels were lost.

Throughout the whole parish of Westmoreland, from the best information we can obtain, there is not a dwelling-house, out-house, or a set of works on any of the estates left standing. The canes, corn, plantain trees, and every production of the earth destroyed. At one estate, Blue Castle, report says, that 200 negroes were killed in a boiling-house, whither they had fled for shelter: Along the sea-coast, many dead bodies scattered about, probably driven ashore from some wreck, meet the eye of the passenger, and one uniform scene of desolation and devastation overspreads the face of that part of the country.

From St Elizabeth, our accounts are much more favourable. Some estates there have suffered, but in a far less degree than those in Westmoreland, Hanover, and Saint James, over which the greatest force of the hurricane seems to have passed. At Black River, a few houses are overthrown, but none of any consequence. Some plantain-walks, cane and corn-pieces, are likewise destroyed.

St Jago de la Vega, Oct. 19. Last Thursday evening, the sloop Nicaragua, Captain Cairncross, arrived at Kingston from St Juan in fourteen days. Information is brought by Captain Cairncross of the deaths of Captains Macintosh and Collins, of the Ratteux; Lieutenant Vernon of the 60th regiment; Lieutenant Truller of the 79th; Lieutenant Mac wan of the legion; and Mr Wright, the builder. In the Nicaragua came passengers Doctors Welsh, Dancer, and Watson.

Oct. 20. At a general meeting of the inhabitants of Kingston, on Saturday last, to take into consideration the most speedy and effectual means of relieving the distresses in which the late dreadful storm has involved the leeward part of this island, a very capital sum was subscribed by way of loan, and every measure adopted which could add efficacy to their benevolence.

A subscription for the same humane and benevolent purpose is likewise begun in this town; at the head of which, we hear, stands the name of his Excellency General Dalling, who has subscribed the sum of 2000 l.

Kingston, Oct. 25. Yesterday arrived at Port Royal his Majesty's frigate Pomona, Charles Edmund Nugent, Esq; Commander, from a cruise. This frigate, in company with the Ulysses, fell in with a fleet of transports, under convoy of a French frigate, and drove two ships and a sloop ashore, and also burned a ship and a sloop; from the course they steered, it was supposed they were going to Cape Nichola Mole. The Pomona parted company with the Ulysses the Monday before the late dreadful storm.

Kingston, Oct. 28. On Thursday, his Majesty's ship Ulysses arrived from a cruize; likewise the Grafton, Trident, Hector, Ruby, and Bristol, from escorting the homeward-bound fleet through the Gulph of Florida, and from which they parted the 24th ult. in lat. 33 N. On he 5th instant, being then in lat. 29 N. they met with a most violent gale of wind, which came on from the south-east, and afterwards shifted to the north-west, continuing to rage with unabating fury great part of that and the following day; every vessel in the squadron was dismasted and otherwise damaged; the Hector suffered most, being obliged to throw all her guns overboard; a great part of her copper sheathing was torn from her larboard quarter. The Berwick, Thunderer, and Stirling Castle, were also in company, and sustained great damage; the former proceeded to Great Britain under jury masts, but the two latter parted company in the gale, and have not since been heard of.

Kingston, Nov. 4. Thursday afternoon, his Majesty's ship Ramilies took me in the harbour of Port Royal, but by the early assistance received from the shipping, was soon extinguished, its ravages having done little or no injury, though many of her men jumped overboard, several of whom fell victims to their precipitateness and folly.

The same afternoon arrived the ship Earl of Denbigh, Capt. Wylie, after a tedious passage of eight weeks and three days from Pensacola. On Monday last, at two P. M. then off Savannah la Mar, they fell in and spoke with his Majesty's sloop of war Victor, and at five P. M. saw her between two and three miles to windward. About midnight, a heavy gale of wind came on, and increased with great violence until about noon the following day, when the Denbigh's fore and mizen masts were carried away, and soon after, for the preservation of the vessel, and to clear the wreck, it was found expedient to cut away the main one. At the time it fell overboard, a heavy sea broke in upon her waist, tore away several timbers from her sides, and washed overboard every thing on her deck, with five of the men and guns. From the circumstance of the Victor's having gone to the windward the day before, and several pieces of a wreck floating past them about four P. M. the public are under great apprehensions for the safety of that vessel.

Kingston, Nov. 4. Tuesday the 24th ult. died at Morant Bay, Geo. Montgomery Metham, Esq; Deputy Governor of Fort Charles, and formerly a Captain in the 21st battalion of the 60th regiment.

INTELLIGENCE FROM LLOYD'S, *Jan.* 5.

The Lenox, ——, and the Ladies Adventure, ——, were drove to sea from Jamaica; the former is returned to Jamaica.

The Aston Hall, Austin, belonging to London, was totally lost in the late hurricane at Jamaica.

The Agnes, Boreland, from Clyde to New York, was taken the 16th of September, by the Franklin privateer, of 18 guns, and sent into Boston.

The General Haldimand, Love, is totally lost in the river St Lawrence, and one man drowned.

The William and Elizabeth, Eggar, a transport, from New York, foundered on her passage home; the crew taken up by the E. of Dunmore, which ship was taken by the Tartar privateer, of Dunkirk, and ransomed for 2500 guineas, and is arrived at Kinsale.

The London, M'Culloch, is totally lost in the river St Lawrence; the people saved.

The Harvey, Harvey, is lost in the river St Lawrence; the people saved.

The Mary and Catharine, Rose, from Waterford to London, is arrived at Spithead, after being taken by a French privateer, but by the vigilance of the Captain escaped; the weather being bad, the privateer could not board and man her.

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The Princes Royal, Dathie, and Henry, Richardson, are both lost at Jamaica, in the late hurricane.

The Jonge Adrian, Smears, from Bourdeaux to Rotterdam, is taken and carried into Ramsgate, by the Ramsgate cutter.

The Snow Hazard, from Nantz to St Domingo, is taken by the Cæsar privateer, of Bristol, and parted with on the coast of Ireland the 25th ult. the Cæsar is arrived in Kingroad.

Falmouth 30. Arrived the Zeerugt, ——, from Terceira for Amsterdam; Three Brothers, Rinders; Thomas and Johannes, Heeve; Young Samuel, Caw, and Anna Maria, Hakker, from Malaga, and Will to Vreeden, Peters, from Genoa.

The Lockhart, Goodridge, from Vienna to Newfoundland was taken the 31st of October by a Spanish privateer, a few hours after she sailed.

Plymouth, 31. Arrived the Vrow Jark Ates, Ates, from Lisbon for London; the Morni, Marra, from Sherant for Flushing; the Vrow Catharine, Sholez, from Oporto to Hamburgh; the Hoyde Ondername, from Seville for Ostend, and the Endright, Jandaring, from Corunna to Amsterdam, taken by the Hero man of war; the Catharine, Roodt, from St Eustatia to Amsterdam, taken by the Ranger armed ship; the Maria Cornelia, Snowey, from Bourdeaux to Rotterdam, taken by the Formidable; the Jonge Anna, ——, from Cadiz to Ostend, and Anna Jacoba Bearn, from Smyrna taken by the Champion man of war; the Lady Wobetha, Wachtscholl, from Dantzick, taken by the Sarah and Rachel privateer; the Pearle, Reisseria, from Denia for London, taken by the Echo; and the Duc de Vaolis French privateer, of 8 guns and 76 men, taken by the Canada man of war.

A large French polacre, prize to the Fame privateer, Capt. More, is arrived at Gibraltar from Algiers, laden with wine, flour, &c.

The Sally, Evans, from Bristol to Newfoundland, was blown off the coast, and is returned to Bristol.

The Jupiter, Wade, has sent into Kingroad a vessel from Santa Cruze, in Teneriffe, bound to Cadiz; she has also sent for Bristol a Dutch vessel, from Amsterdam to Cadiz.

The Ranger privateer, Capt. Aselby, was well the 28th ult. in lat. 47.—lon. 10.

Portsmouth, 3. Arrived the Twe Gesusters, from Curaccao for Holland, with tobacco, coffee, &c. prize to the Pheasant cutter; Concordia, Thomas, from Cadiz to Rotterdam, with wool, prize to the Wolf sloop; Tys Syemens, Syemens, from l'Orient to Rotterdam, with tobacco, and Jonge Gebrant, Gebrant, from Bourdeaux to Amsterdam, with wine, prizes to the Warwick. Yesterday arrived the Iris man of war, Captain Sutton, from a cruise; on Sunday last, off Peachy Head, fell in with a Dutch man of war of 50 guns, and exchanged a broadside, but the Iris being badly manned, was obliged to leave her. It is said she was outward bound, and the Captain knew nothing of the war.

Sir Samuel Hood, and the fleet under his command, were all well the 11th of Dec. in lat. 46—14. longit. 27—45, with a fair wind.

The Phœnix, ——, from Newfoundland, is arrived at Quebec, after losing her cables and anchors, and being drove on shore at Malby in the River St Lawrence, with considerable damage.

The Revenge privateer of London, Capt. Kentish, was left well the 18th of December, off Cape Ortegal, in company with the Canada man of war, Sir George Collier.

A Dutch doggar, from Oporto for London, laden with fruit, is sent into Salcombe by a privateer belonging to Fowey.

Plymouth 2. Arrived the Minorca man of war dismasted; the John and Jane transport from New York, left her the 15th November. The Snette Taager, from Cadiz to Ostend, with brandy, prize to the Garland cutter, and Good Intent privateer; Endraght, from St Eustatia to Amsterdam, prize to the Favourite; Zee Post, from Seville to Amsterdam, prize to the Champion frigate. Also arrived his Majesty's ship Brune.

Falmouth 1. Arrived Goed Verwagting, from Charant; St Orlaff, from Cette; Young Vrow Gorhada, Shikke, and Vrow Fanna, Govers, from Smyrna; Young Vrow Anna, Skulk, from Malaga; Vilveran Von Frankfort, Broers, from Salo; Eleanor, Basra, from Port Mahone; and Young Frederick, Elaman, from Trieste; all captured.

Dartmouth 2. The Captain of a small French privateer brought in here says, there are now four large privateers in Concal Bay, near ready for sailing, one of 40 guns, two of 36 each, and one of 32.

From the London Gazette, Jan. 6.

Whitehall, Jan. 6. 1781.

EXTRACT of a letter from General Haldimand, Governor and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's forces in the province of Quebec, to Lord George Germain, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; received by his Majesty's ship Danae.

Quebec, October 25. 1780.

I HAVE the honour to acquaint your Lordship, that I have just received an express from Major Carleton, who commands one of the detachments mentioned in my letter to your Lordship of the 17th ultimo.

The secrecy and dispatch with which this detachment penetrated, prevented any opposition of consequence on the part of the enemy; and on the 10th and 11th instant, the garrisons of Fort Ann and Fort George surrendered prisoners of war.

Major Carleton, who has, as well as his detachment, shewn great zeal and activity in this affair, having fully answered the purposes for which he was sent, is returned to Crown Point, where he is to remain as long as the season will permit the vessels to navigate the lake, in order to draw the attention of the enemy.

The reports assiduously published upon all occasions by the enemy, of cruelties committed by the Indians, are notoriously false, and propagated merely to exasperate the ignorant and deluded people. In this late instance, Major Carleton informs me they behaved with the greatest moderation, and did not strip, or in any respect use ill their prisoners.

I inclose, for your Lordship's information, a list of the killed, wounded, and prisoners.

A party of 100 men and Mohawk Indians crossed Lake Champlain, with Major Carleton, to co-operate with Sir John Johnson, who must be, before this time, upon the Mohawk river; and another party of 200 Canada Indians, with their proper officers, under the command of Lieutenant Houghton of the 53d regiment, marched at the same time towards Connecticut river. They are returned, having brought away 32 prisoners, without any loss, although pursued by a superior force, of which it is thought many were killed.

I every day expect to hear of Sir John Johnson's success upon the Mohawk river.

P. S. 2 Nov. I have kept this letter open in hopes to give your Lordship an account of the party which was sent upon the Mohawk river under the command of Sir John Johnson. The enemy, by means of two Oneida Indians who deserted from Niagara, had received information of an intended attack upon the Mohawk river, and had prepared accordingly; but this did not prevent his success, though it occasioned him to meet with great opposition. I have just received a letter from Sir John, wherein he acquaints me, that he had destroyed the settlements of Schohary and Stone Arabia, and laid waste a great extent of country. He had several engagements with the enemy, in which he came off victorious. In one of them, near Stone Arabia, he killed a Colonel Browne, a notorious and active rebel, with about 100 officers and men.

The vessel being under sail, I have only time to inclose the return of the killed, wounded, and missing.

I have the pleasure to acquaint your Lordship, from Sir John's letter, that I have great reason to hope, that many of the missing will find their way to Oswego or Niagara, as some Indians and Rangers, well acquainted with the woods, are with them. I cannot finish without expressing to your Lordship the perfect satisfaction which I have from the zeal, spirit, and activity with which Sir John Johnson has conducted this arduous enterprize.

Return of Killed and Wounded of the Detachment under the Command of Major Carleton, the 11th of October, 1780.

34th Regiment. 1 Private killed; 1 serjeant and 1 private wounded.
King's Rangers. 1 private killed.
Major Jessup's corps. 1 Private wounded.
Indians. 1 Killed; 1 wounded.

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84th Regiment. 1 Private.
Macalpin's. 1 Ditto.

Return of the Killed, Wounded, and Prisoners taken at Forts Ann and George, the 10th and 11th of October, 1780.

Killed. 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 1 Ensign, 23 privates.
Return of the Killed, Wounded, and Missing, of the Detachment on the Expedition to the Mohawk River, under the Command of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnson, in October, 1780.
Royal Artillery. 1 Private missing.
8th, or the King's regiment. 1 Private killed, 1 drummer, 3 privates, missing.
34th Regiment. 13 Privates missing.
Chasseurs. 4 Privates missing, 2 of them wounded.
The King's Royal Regiment of New York. 3 Privates killed. 1 Lieutenant wounded, 13 privates missing.
Rangers. 1 Captain, 1 serjeant, 16 privates, missing, 3 of them wounded.
Indians. 5 Killed, and Captain Joseph Brandt wounded.
Deserted of the Royal New York regiment, 3 privates.

Return of the Rebels Killed and Taken on the Expedition to the Mohawk River, in October, 1780.

At Schohary, the 17th of October:

Prisoners. 2 Privates.
Killed. 2 Ditto.

On the Mohawk River, and at Stone Arabia, the 18th, 19th, and 20th of October:

Prisoners. 10 Privates.
Killed. 1 Colonel, 100 privates.

At Canaghsioraga, the 23d of October:

Prisoners. 2 Captains, 1 Lieutenant, 4 serjeants, 4 corporals, 45 privates.
Killed. 1 Lieutenant, 3 privates.

[*Military Promotions in our next.*]

From the London Papers, Jan. 6.

LONDON.

This morning a report was propagated that the French Admiral de la Mothe Picquet had been committed to the Tower of London. On enquiry we find, that about twelve o'clock last night a hackney coach, with four persons in it, one of them a King's messenger, two others officers belonging to the Bow-Street Police, and the fourth person, a gentleman named la Mothe Picquet, and said to be brother to the Admiral of that name, actually arrived at the Tower, where the last mentioned person was left as a prisoner. He was taken up in Bond-Street, upon information, and, according to the warrant, stands committed as a spy.

His arrival being so unexpected, he was confined for the present in such apartments as were readiest; but, we hear, will be removed this afternoon, to some others that are more convenient. Two Wardens attend in the same room with him.

This morning some dispatches were received at the Plantation Office from Jamaica, which contain nothing more than the dreadful account of the hurricane, and the particular situation of our shipping there.

A Privy-Council was held yesterday at the Cock-pit at Whitehall, for the purpose of taking into consideration the most effectual and speedy method of sending some relief to the distressed inhabitants of our several possessions in the West Indies; and for the security of those islands that have particularly suffered by the late violent hurricane.

Yesterday, an express was sent to Portsmouth, with orders for six sail of the line, and four frigates, to drop down to St Helen's, and hold themselves in readiness to sail on a secret expedition at a few hours notice.

This morning advice was received, that six more Dutch ships were taken and sent into Plymouth.

Two large Dutch ships, laden with tobacco, are taken and carried into Corke.

This morning advice was received from Aldborough, in Suffolk, that two large Dutch vessels, bound from Amsterdam to Bourdeaux, are taken by two small privateers fitted out at that place, and brought in there.

Yesterday several Dutch Captains made personal application at the Admiralty, for the release of their ships which had been taken a few days since, and carried into Dover; but, to the great mortification of the Mynheers, the only consolation they received was, that they were legal prizes, and must be condemned as such, their whole lading being consigned to merchants in France.

A correspondent informs us, that there arrived in town yesterday morning, four ladies, three Captains, and a mate, of the East Indiamen captured some time since by the combined fleet: they were coming passengers in a Dutch ship from Spain, whichwas taken a few days ago by one of our privateers, and sent into Plymouth. By them he was informed, that in the beginning of last month they fell in with 64 sail of French men of war, and three frigates, being the joint fleets of D'Estaing and Guichen, under command of the former, convoying 125 sail of merchantmen from the West Indies, for the port of Brest; that they continued in company with them for 13 days till the 20th of December, and then parted from them in a gale of wind. He further adds, that the whole of this grand fleet were in a very shattered condition, and so very sickly, that the crews were dying in great numbers every day.

When Count D'Estaing sailed from Cadiz in company with the Spanish division, the whole squadron made 64 ships of the line; when the latter parted company with the former, the Count had only 27 line of-battle ships, which were soon afterwards reinforced by ten more ships from Toulon, making him 37. With this force he was seen lat. 47. long. 15. west, on the 26th of December, steering to the westward, but many of his ships in very bad condition. The Captain of the Dutch ship, just brought into Plymouth, says, that in order to prevent the British Admiral knowing his situation, &c. he collected together several Dutch, Danish, and Portuguese vessels who came in sight, and made them sail for some time in company with him, to prevent their carrying intelligence of him to the English fleet. That his convoy had separated from him, the greatest part of which however had got safe into port, but some had fallen into the hands of our cruizers; that the Count's instructions were only to cruize till the last day of December, in hopes of falling in with our homeward-bound East-Indiamen, after which time, if he saw nothing of them, he was ordered to return into port.

It is said, that St George, the principal town of the Bermudas, situated on the north-west part of the island, consisting of upwards of 1000 houses, with all the inhabitants, was destroyed in the late dreadful hurricane; but the whole islands are not destroyed, as was at first reported.

On Wednesday evening, the Right Honourable the Earl of Seaforth arrived in town, from the Island of Guernsey, where his Lordship has been for these three years past, with his regiment of Highlanders.

Lord George Gordon will not be tried till Easter term, beyond which time (as it will be the third since finding the bill of indictment against him) it cannot be put off.

General Robertson has made provision for 200 refugee families, upon Long Island, and has assigned them 600 acres of wood-land, from which they furnish wood for the use of [illegible] have ordered a particular account to be made out of the monthly expence incurred by supporting his Majesty's armed cutters against the smugglers for three years past, for their inspection.

To the very melancholy advices concerning our ships of war, received last week from the Leeward Island station in the West Indies, are now unfortunately to be added those brought by the Alert sloop from Jamaica. We have collected the particulars from the two Gazettes, and the following is the state of the account, as it appears to us at present upon the whole, viz.

Phœnix of 44 guns, Andromeda 28, Laurel 28, Beaver's Prize 10, San Vincente 16, Scarborough 24, Cameleon 14, Deal Castle 24, Victor 16, and Barbadoes brig 16—lost.

Thunderer of 74 guns, and Stirling Castle of 64—given up for lost.

Alcmene of 40 guns, and Blanche of 36—no account of them since the hurricane.

Ajax of 24 guns—returned to St Lucia, much damaged.
Montague of 74 guns—ditto, almost a wreck.
Vengeance of 74 guns—saved at St Lucia, almost a wreck.
Amazon of 28 guns—returned, ditto.
Venus of 32 guns—ditto, much damaged.
Ruby of 64 guns, Hector 74, Trident 64, Grafton 74, Egmont 74, Bristol 50, Ulysses 44, Endymion 44, Pomona 28, and Endeavour 16—arrived at Jamaica, dismasted, and otherwise exceedingly damaged, particularly the Egmont.

In all, 29 ships and vessels of war, either lost or disabled, by the late dreadful storms in the West Indies.

Extract of a letter from Guadaloupe, Oct. 19. by way of Amsterdam.

"I embrace the opportunity of the sailing of the King's snow the Minerva, to Old France, with dispatches from this island. But how to begin my letter I am at a loss, the story is so melancholy, and yet not half known. The 11th, 12th, and 13th inst. the most dreadful hurricane that ever blew from the heavens, this island felt. This island! the boast and pride of France! the noblest built, and most fertile in the West-Indies, is now in a general state of desolation and destruction. On the 11th in the evening the sky was as red as fire, and seemed to burst with the loudest claps of thunder I ever heard; and by ten at night the wind blew very hard. On the 12th in the morning the gale increased, the sky darkened, and a most terrible shower of rain, with dismal thunder and lightning, continued till five in the afternoon; about which time the fishing-town of St Croix, and the village of All-doure, were washed away by a general sweep into the sea; and the inhabitants, whites and blacks, all perished. The surff was so high at St Martin's, as to come close up to the Bishop's house, which by the violence of the wind was blown down, who unfortunately with his family was washed into the sea, with the whole town of St Martin's and its inhabitants. The principal town of Basse-Terre has not a church or house standing, which on the eleventh in the morning consisted of more than 1100. The Ecclesiastical houses are all down, and the number of whites perished at St Croix, All-doure, St Martin's, and Basse-Terre, are near 2400, and about 4000 negroes and islanders. The damage done to the plantations is incredible, scarce a sugar-house escaped being blown down, or a negro saved. The Governor's report mentions, that more than 8000 negroes are lost, which at forty Louis-d'ors per man (the current value) amounts to 320,000 Louis-d'ors.

"I have also to add to this melancholy account, the loss of the King's ships Penthierre brig of 18 guns, and the Conquerer snow of 16 guns, and a frigate of 32 guns; and all hands perished. With every assistance in the power of Europe to grant us, it will take a time as long as the siege of Troy to put this island in as good a situation, as it was on the 10th inst. although all the King's stores, by being built behind St Mary's-hill, were saved. Tents instead of houses are now our portion."

Extract of a from Grenada, dated Fort Royal, Oct. 22, 1780.

"I hope this letter will find you in health and spirits, which I assure you is not the case with us, there having been the greatest gales of wind and surf ever known in this island. The wind lasted 48 hours, and the sea swelled to such a height that it carried away the greatest part of the houses on one part of the bay. Meritz, Hardmans, and Messr. Ashburner, Hyde, and Co. are down; and Messr. Robert Threlfall and Co's houses much damaged. Mr Bennet's houses in the lower end of the town, and all the other houses on that side, except the one that Messr. Palmer and Pegus occupy, which is in great danger. The greatest part of the shipping in the carenage on shore; all the droughers are either on shore, or lost in the different bays in the island. Messr. Edmund Thornton and Co's wharf carried away, also Mr Tweedy's. All the houses in the town were full of water, and one on the top of the hill carried away; all the provisions in the country carried away, and a great part of the canes; a great number of works, buildings, and negro houses, swept off some estates; many people have had all carried away by the river: the surf still continues high. It was up as far as Messr. Bartlet and Co's houses."

Extract of a letter from Paris, Dec. 30.

"This morning, there was a grand council at the hotel of M. Maurepas; the King was there by nine; the chief state officers present were Maurepas, De Castries, Neckar, and De Vergennes. About 11, the Dutch and Danish Ministers, with Dr Franklyn, attended. At one the council broke up. Their principal business was for the immediate relief of Martinico and Guadaloupe."

Extract of a letter from Portsmouth, Jan. 5.

"Arrived the Vrow Anthonia Elisabeth, Brason, from Cette, with brandy for Amsterdam, prize to the Maidstone frigate; St Peter, Kernorth, from Alicant, with fruit, a prize to the Flora; and the Dettopende Christiana, Jonge, from Malaga, a prize to the Daphne.

"Sailed the Alexander and Solebay frigates on a cruize.

"This morning sailed the Dublin man of war, of 74 guns, with several vessels for Plymouth.

"The Diana frigate is gone out of harbour to Spithead."

A gentleman who was many years in India, and has been at Ternate, says, that the Dutch have neglected their fortifications in the Spice Islands so much, that three frigates and a few tenders, with 700 European troops, would be a sufficient force to drive them for ever out of those islands.

Extract of a letter from Rear-Admiral Samuel Hood, Bart. to Mr Stephens, dated on board the Barfleur, at sea, 11th December 1780, lat. 46. 14. N. long. 27. 35. W.

"I went on very well and without accident, till last night, when it blew as hard at S. and S. S. W. as I ever knew it; happily the gale was of short duration; at day-light the men of war and convoy were much scattered, and one ship of the line was seen far to leeward, with only a fore-mast standing, upon which I bore down and found it to be the Monarca; all her iron works of the main channel gave way, and [illegible] were by the board; the mizen-mast and fore-top-mast soon followed. She makes no water; but as carrying a ship in her state to the West Indies would be laying her by the walls, I have directed Captain Gell to proceed to Plymouth, and shall endeavour to get this letter on board, though the sea is so high no boat can get to her. The wind is now northerly, so that I have a fair prospect of a short passage."

Admiralty-Office, January 4. 1781.

Captain Sir George Collier, of the Canada, on the 24th of last month, took a French privateer, called De Duc de Valois, of eight guns and 75 men, eight days from St Maloes, and had captured nothing except the Betsey schooner, from Fandara, in Portugal, to Dartmouth, which he also retook.

Extract of a letter from Quebec, dated Oct. 19. 1780, brought by a schooner, bound from that place to Guernsey.

"The first of this month, a vessel left Ningara for Carleton Island, having on board Lieutenant Colonel Bolton of the 8th, Lieutenant Roice of the 34th, Lieutenant Carleton of the Royal Artillery, and Conductor Piggy, with several other people, and sailors and soldiers to the amount of 110. A gale of wind came on immediately after she sailed. The vessel was wrecked, and every soul perished. Lieutenant Colonel Bolton was in his way hither to embark for England. Colleton and Pigg were returning, after having surveyed and arranged the ports of Niagara, Carleton Island, and Oswegatchie.

"Only one vessel of our second is arrived, by which this will be brought you. Two of the richest ships of the homeward fleet are stranded some leagues below Big, the Holdimand and London. The wind has been again at East these three days, and it has rained the greatest part of this day, which gives us hope of some stragglers.

EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, January 6.

"A new political junto is said to have started up within these three or four weeks past, formed of the Lord Loughborough, Mr Jenkinson, Mr Rigby, and Mr Ellis, and called the *Double Cabinet*. The proceedings against the Dutch have their source, it is further said, from the opinion of this *Quartetto*, who are determined upon spirited measures, and have the approbation of the Sovereign in the resolution. Lord Nugent, who has for many years been ranked as one of the *efficient* Cabinet, is reported to have been discontinued. In consequence of this arrangement, Lord Loughborough, it is thought, will resign the Justiceship of the Common Pleas, and be appointed one of the principal Secretaries of State, either Lord George Germaine or Lord Hillsborough being to make way for him. In that case, Mr Wallace, the Attorney-General, will succeed to the Common-Pleas, Mr Mansfield, the Solicitor-General, be appointed in his stead; and either Mr Macdonald, or Mr Kenyon, be made Solicitor-General. The former gentleman stands on the Gower, or Bedford interest; and the latter on the Lord Chancellor's, through whose recommendation he was lately made Chief Justice of Chester. This, however, is only conjecture on probable grounds.

"A certain heir apparent is become so constant, though secret a visitor, at C———d-House, that his real friends begin to fear the effects of an *undue influence*. The *Lady* of the mansion, not content with having his R——l H——s at her Friday evenings assembly, contrives to give him some petits soupers en famille, where she has the opportunity of instilling into his princely mind, certain doctrines, not very orthodox at B———m-House.

"A Court Martial, it is said, will certainly be ordered on the conduct of the Captain of the Isis, who sheered off, some little time ago, after attacking a Dutch man of war.

"Commodore Johnstone, it is said, has been offered the command of the fleet going out to the relief of Gibraltar."

A Correspondent in Holland hath sent us the following paper:

An authentic List of the naval force of the Seven United Provinces, new in commission.

Guns.
76 The Ammirael Generael, Vice Admiral Hartsink; at home.
70 The Prince William, Capt. Andren de Bruin; at home.
70 The Meuse, Capt. Antony Jan van Volbergen; at home.
68 The Ammirael de Ruiter, Rear-Admiral J. A. Zeutman; at home.
68 The Amsterdam, Rear Admiral Count de Byland; sailed from the Texel, Dec. 21. 1780.
64 The Hollandia, Capt. Evert Bisdom; at home.

Gour.
50 The Naſſau, Capt. Hendrick Rietveld; ſail'ed for the Weſt Indies, Dec. 21, 1780.
50 The Princeſs Maria Louiſa, ———; juſt gone to the Eaſt Indies.
50 The Princeſs Louiſa, Rear Admiral Jan Binkes; ſailed for the Weſt Indies, Nov. 30. 1780.
56 The Hereditary Prince, Capt. Solomon Dedel; at home.
56 The Batavia, Capt. Wolter Jan Bentinck; at home.
56 The Gleinthorſt, Capt. Conſtantine van Vlierden; at home.
56 The Ammirael Piet Hein, Capt. Willem van Braam; at home.
56 The Princeſs Royal Frederica Sophia Wilhelmina, Capt. Jan Erneſt Raders; at home.
56 The Naſſau Weilbourg, Capt. David Hendrick Cras; ſailed for the Weſt Indies, Dec. 21. 1780.
54 The Rotterdam, Capt. Ludolf Hendrick van Oyen; juſt gone to the Eaſt Indies.
50 The Schiedam, Capt. Frederic Rodolf Charles, Count de Richtoun; at home.
50 The Eendrught, Capt. Rooch; ſailed for the Weſt Indies, Dec. 7. 1780.
50 The Brunſwych, Capt. Pruyſh; Mediterranean.
50 The Walcheren, ———; at home.
44 The Zuyleveld, Capt. Jan Pieter Roeloff van Loo; at home.
44 The Argo, Capt. Kingsbergen; at home.
44 The Zwieten, Capt. Nauwman; Weſt-Indies.
44 The Bloys, Capt. Jan van Woenſel; at home.
44 The Laudiſkroon, Capt. Alexander Gaſpar de Maregnault; at home.
44 The Phœnix, Capt. Giles Jan van Son; at home.
44 The Medemblick, Capt. ——— van Ryneveld; at home.
36 The Mars, Capt. Frederick Sigiſmond, Count de Byland; ſailed for the Weſt-Indies December 7. 1780.
36 The Bellona, Capt. Willem van Harenſcarpel Decker; at home.
36 The Amphitrite, Capt. Adrien Braak; at home.
36 The Zephir, Capt. Jan Selo; at home.
36 The Caſtor, Capt. Melville; Mediterranean.
36 The Beverwyck, Capt. Jan Boot; Weſt Indies.
36 The Aſſendelph, Capt. ———; Eaſt Indies.
36 The Middlebourg, Capt. ———; Eaſt Indies.
36 The Eagle, Capt. ———; Weſt Indies.
The Waakzaamheid, Capt. Godert Adrien van Obermeer; at home.
The Valk, Capt. Willem Sylveſter; ſailed for the Weſt Indies December 7. 1780.
24 The Allarm, Capt. Mulder; Weſt Indies.
24 The Briclle, Capt. Gerrard Oerthuyſen; Mediterranean.
The Drewn, Capt. Jan Hendrick Coerman; ſailed Dec. 21. 1780.
The Thetis, ———; ſailed for the Weſt Indies, Dec. 7. 1780.
30 The Orange Zaal, Capt. Sebaſtian Rauws; at home.
30 The Hoorn, Capt. Heckers; at home.
30 The Enkhuiſen, Capt. Frykenius; at home.

Extract of a letter from a Gentleman at Hanover, Jamaica, to his father at Muſſelburgh, Oct. 29. 1780.

"The Alert man of war being appointed to ſail for Britain, with account of the dreadful hurricane which happened here on the 3d inſtant, I embrace the opportunity to acquaint you of my ſafety; and, for your further information, have tranſmitted the Jamaica Gazette, [*incloſed in this night's paper*] which affords a better account than I am able to give you. To that account it may be added, that from an accurate liſt ſince publiſhed, it appears that the number of ſouls who peri-hed in Savannah la Mar alone amounts to 363; of theſe 63 are whites; the remainder free people of colour, and ſlaves. In this parith the victims are fewer, the number of whites who have ſuffered not exceeding 20; the negroes numerous, but I cannot aſcertain the number.

"For my part, conſcious of my inability to give an adequate idea of ſuch a ſcene of horror as that day and night preſented, I ſhall wave the taſk, and give you leave to imagine it from its effects. I happened to be in a houſe by myſelf when the gale began, and finding the houſe giving way piece-meal, I quitted it, and, crawling on my hands and knees, reached a very large tree.—While I ſtood there, I was aſtoniſhed to ſee ſome very large pieces of the houſe timber, elbow chairs, &c. carried paſt me with greater velocity than feathers are with an ordinary breeze.—Finding the tree to quaver, I retreated to the trunk of another, whoſe branches were already carried off, not without imminent riſk of being killed by the large timbers, &c. which were carried over my head.—In fact, I received many contuſions, by one of which I was ſtunned for ſome time, and the ſwelling occaſioned by it ſtill continues on my head. While I lay here, chilled with the cold, the overſeer was brought up, ſupported by two negroes, who informed me of the deſtruction of the other buildings. Determined to take ſhelter under the wall of one of them which was ſtanding, we took the advantage of a ſmall intermiſſion in the gale; but, when we had nearly reached it, the gale returning, though I lay down, yet was I lifted up, and carried with irreſiſtible impetuoſity towards the river, then increaſed to a ſea, into which I muſt inevitably have been immerſed, had not an intervening penguin fence ſtopped me. There I lay till my ſtrength and ſpirits returned, when I got ſafe into the houſe. As we were not clear of the rain here, and I imagined the gale abated, I bethought me of a ſtair-caſe, which was left ſtanding in the houſe I had firſt quitted. We got there with great difficulty, determined to remain all night, as we were ſtill ſheltered. But the gale returned with increaſed violence, and was rendered more horrible by the darkneſs, the earthquake, and the quick ſucceſſion of the flaſhes of lightning. We retreated through the ruins of a ſmall part of a wall; and, under that, in a ſtream of water, paſſed the night, benumbed and almoſt ſenſeleſs with wet, and without any hopes of ſeeing day light. When it appeared, we were anxious to hear of the other white people, and found them all ſafe. To conclude, the imagination cannot afford an adequate idea of ſuch a ſcene; but in the minds of thoſe whoſe fate it was to be witneſſes of ſuch tremendous effects of GOD's power, the idea muſt remain with an impreſſion never to be eradicated. The effects are dreadful, but were expected to have been much worſe; and it is impoſſible for us to conceive how ſo few lives ſhould be loſt, without the immediate interpoſition of Providence, when there is hardly a houſe ſtanding, and the fields did not afford a ſhelter to the unhappy ſufferers. The face of the country exhibits a melancholy picture to the eye of humanity,—ruins of houſes,—plantations laid waſte,—the woods ſtript of their foliage, and partly tore up by the roots; and nothing but a dreary waſte, where the verdure of the country uſed to afford an enchanting picture to the eye of the ſpectator."

Lady Baird, wife of Sir James Baird of Saughtonhall, Baronet, was ſafely delivered at Hutton-hall, on the 6th current, of a daughter.

Yeſterday, died here, Mr Peter Edgar of Bridgelands.

The Leith armed ſhip arrived ſafe in the Thames on Wedneſday, with her convoy. The ſecond battalion of Lord John Murray's regiment, and Col. Humberſton's, which were on board this fleet, diſembarked the 4th all in good health. It is ſaid, they, along with Col. Fullerton's, are to go out in the next fleet for the Eaſt Indies, to make an attack upon the Cape of Good Hope, or ſome of the Dutch ſettlements in Aſia.

The Paiſley privateer of Carron, failed laſt week on a cruize againſt the Dutch.

A letter from Penzance, Dec. 19. 1780, ſays,—"The Iriſh True Blue privateer, mounting 22 carriage guns, 100 men, fell in with a Dutch frigate, named the Van Zealander, Captain P. Myncoſte, very richly laden, bound from Carthagena to Cape Francois. The Dutchman firſt hoiſted Swediſh colours, but on ſeeing the Engliſh Jack fly, ſhe cleared decks and gave battle, which laſted three glaſſes. She was obliged at length to ſtrike to the ſuperior courage of the Iriſh True Blue boys.——Five were killed on board the privateer, and ten wounded. The Mynheers had nine killed and ſeventeen wounded. Her cargo is extremely rich. She was made for 36 guns, but carried 28. The True Blue will put to ſea in a few days.

We learn from Cork, that nine Dutch ſhips very richly laden, are ſtopped at that port; and that a pinnace belonging to Captain M'Bride, had boarded a Dutch dogger off the Cove, laden with ſpice, cotton, wine, ſilk handkerchiefs, cochineal, and drugs, which ſhe captured as a lawful prize.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Jamaica, to his friend in Edinburgh, dated Trelawny, Oct. 29. 1780.

"I am truly ſorry to acquaint you, that, on the 3d inſtant, we had one of the moſt dreadful ſtorms ever known in the memory of man in this iſland. Two pariſhes are in a manner deſtroyed, not one houſe or building in a thouſand left ſtanding, and a multitude of lives loſt. The loſs in this pariſh is confined to that of proviſions and canes: The former will occaſion a very great ſcarcity; and the latter ſhort crops. However, thank GOD for the preſervation of our lives and habitations."

Extract of a letter from Aberdeen, Jan. 8.

"The Jean, Davidſon, which arrived here from Campvere on Friday, narrowly eſcaped being detained in Holland; for the maſter having got a hint from a Scots merchant, ſlipped off in the night time, leaving great part of the goods intended to be ſhipped by him, on the quay and in the ſcouts; and luckily got paſt a Dutch man of war, which lay waiting for water to bring her into port, in order to detain the Britiſh veſſels.

"The Adventure, Aiken, which failed a few days ago with a cargo of ſtockings for Holland, was informed in Yarmouth Roads of the commencement of hoſtilities."

Extract of a letter from Dublin, Jan. 4.

"The Stag frigate of 32 guns, Captain Cooper, arrived in our bay on Tueſday night, after having convoyed the Dorſet yacht, on board of which was the Right Hon. the Earl of Buckinghamſhire, our late Lord Lieutenant, to Parkgate. When they were about half channel over, a ſhip hove to ſight, and ſeemed to bear down on the yatch; on which the Stag gave chaſe, came up with, and took her. She proves to be the Tartar American privateer, Luke Ryan commander, and mounts 22 nine pounders, 2 ſix pounders, and ſix four pounders.—A great number of her own crew are Iriſh. She is ſaid to have on board 800 ankers of brandy, a great quantity of tea, wine, tobacco, and ſilks, for the purpoſe of ſmuggling on our co[a]t.—She has been about a month from Breſt, and has taken a great number of prizes. Captain Cooper took out forty of her crew, and put Lieutenant Vickers and a number of his men on board her, with orders to make for Liverpool. The Tartar, about a fortnight ago, took the Earl of Dunmore armed tranſport from New-York, off Kinſale, on board of which was G. Smith, and Capt. Moore of the 54th regiment, whom he refuſed to ranſom, and are ſuppoſed to have been on board the privateer when taken.

"So many Knights, Barons, Viſcounts, and Earls are crowded on the Iriſh liſt, that we have reaſon to apprehend another half century will ſee us turned into a nation of Nobles and Gentry, and we ſhall be in the predicament of our anceſtors the Spaniards, obliged to ſend for the plebeians of other nations to cultivate the fruits of the earth.

"A company of merchants in this city, have purchaſed no leſs than five veſſels within theſe few days, for the purpoſe of fitting them out as privateers to cruize againſt the Dutch."

FOR THE CALEDONIAN MERCURY.

OCCASIONAL PROLOGUE *to the Comedy of* The WONDER! *A* WOMAN *keeps a* SECRET, *to be ſpoken on the Theatre Royal on Monday laſt, by Deſire of the Right Honourable and Moſt Worſhipful the Earl of* BALCARRAS, GRAND MASTER, *and the Worſhipful Fraternity of* FREE *and* ACCEPTED MASONS:

Written and ſpoken by Mr WOODS.

IN early Times, before bright Science taught
Softneſs to Nature,—to blind Paſſion, Thought;
How wrapt in Gloom the Lives of Humankind,
To ſolitary Joys, and Cares, confign'd;—
How taſteleſs ſeems the Cup on Mortals preſt,
Without *Society* to give it Zeſt!—

But ſee where MASONRY her Charms diſplays,
To crown with Harmony *our* happier Days;
She comes,—the poliſh'd Maid,—as Phœbus bright,
To chace away the Clouds of mental Night.——
Now riſe to Heav'n gay Domes and glittering Spires;
And with them, too, the open'd Mind aſpires:
The Deſerts fill—new Cities ſtretch along—
And the Woods echo with the Lab'rers Song!——

Nor only ſplendid Arts our MYST'RY grace;
It loves Humanity's ſoft Views to trace:
To preſs each Virtue warmly to the Breaſt,—
And kind-ey'd Charity above the reſt;—
To give Relief, like Heav'n, where none ſeems nigh,
And wipe away the Tear of Miſery;—
And (wou'd the Lords of Empire were as wiſe)
It aims, to bind the World—in *ſocial* Ties.

Yet Heav'n forbid an humble Love of Peace
Our Zeal in Britain's Cauſe ſhou'd e'er decreaſe!
When with proud *France* perfidious *Dutchmen* join,
And, vow'd Allies, our Country's Ruin ſign,
To ſcourge their Falſhood, *Britons* ſhall *unite*,—
Like *Brothers*, in an injur'd *Parent*'s Right!——

But while we thus do Juſtice to Mankind,
A gentler, far more pleaſing Taſk's behind.
Let it (ſo ſays our female Bard) be known,
Silence is not the *Maſon*'s Boaſt alone,
A *Female*'s Lips this Night he makes his Throne!
Safe in her Boſom does *the* SECRET dwell,
In ſpite of Love—and every Wiſh to tell!——
And if where Beauty join'd with Grace appear,
Fair Truth would wiſh to *fix* his Manſion there,
Then—briefly, Brethren,—to theſe brilliant Rows
Why may not I *the* SECRET, too, diſcloſe?——
Ladies, 'tis This—Who gains our Art muſt ſwear,
That, next to Heav'n—*he moſt adores* THE FAIR.

OBSERVATOR's *remarks, we make no doubt, are very juſt. They are upon a ſubject, however, which is not generally intereſting; and, to many of our country readers, in particular, would give offence, were they continued, which undoubtedly would be the conſequence of giving place to* OBSERVATOR's *letter.*

A CONSTANT READER's *favour, though well-meant, would not anſwer the purpoſe intended, by appearing in a News-paper.*

CUSTOM-HOUSE, GREENOCK.

ARRIVED,

6. Commerce, Langmuir, from St Kitts, with goods.
Rachel, Sheddan, from Drogheda, with oats.

LEITH SHIPPING, Jan. 8—10.

ARRIVED,

Betſey and Brothers, Houſton, from Gottenburgh.
Jean, Bar, from Alemouth, with grain.
Adamſon, Lyell, from Perth, with goods.
Lovely Katharine, Thomſon, from Dundee, with grain.
Eliſabeth, Walker, from Earliſtone, with grain.
Oſwald, Beattie, from North Berwick, ditto.
Pleaſance, Avert, from Lynn, ditto.
Robert, Sheriff, from London, in ballaſt.
Janet and Jean, Henry, from Gottenburgh, with deals, &c.
James and Margaret, Millar, from Campvere, in ballaſt.

PRICES OF GRAIN AT HADDINGTON, Jan. 5.

	First.		Second.		Third.	
Wheat,	19s.	6d.	18s.	4d.	17s.	9d.
Bear,	14	6	13	3	12	0
Oats,	11	9	11	0	10	2
Peaſe,	10	0	9	6	8	9

EXCISE OFFICE, Edinburgh, 9th January 1781.

By order of the Hon. the COMMISSIONERS of EXCISE,

THERE is to be expoſed to SALE by public auction, at Kirkcaldy, on Thurſday next, being the 11th curt. The Tackle, Apparel, and Furniture, and the Materials of the Hull (after being broke up) of the SLOOP RESOLUTION, of 29 tons burden; with the following GOODS, lately condemned in the Court of Exchequer, viz.

674 Gallons Foreign BRANDY.
1035 Gallons Foreign GENEVA.
6 Gallons Foreign RUM.
458 Pounds fine } BLACK TEA.
30 Pounds coarſe }

EXCISE-OFFICE, Edin. Jan. 10. 1781.

By order of the Hon. the COMMISSIONERS of EXCISE.

There will be expoſed to SALE by public auction,

AT LEITH, in the Exciſe Warehouſe, on Friday the 19th of January inſtant, at one o'clock afternoon, ſeveral Parcels of TEA, BRANDY, and GENEVA, with a BOAT and her Materials;

And at GREENOCK, in the Exciſe-office, on Friday the 26th of January inſt. at one o'clock afternoon, Nine Boxes, containing 782 libs. of Fine Black TEA, lately condemned in the Court of Exchequer.

The Goods will be allotted and put up to ſale in ſmall quantities, for the better accommodation of the ſeveral dealers, as well as private perſons who chuſe to become purchaſers; and they may be ſeen in the Exciſe Warehouſes of Leith and Greenock on the day preceding, and morning of the day of ſale.

WOODS TO SELL.

THE Earl of Bute's NATURAL WOODS in the Iſland of Bute, conſiſting of Oak, Aſh, Birch, and other timber, are to be ſold ſometime in March next. Any perſon intending to purchaſe, may apply to Peter May at Mountſtuart, who will cauſe ſhew the woods, and give any other neceſſary information. Theſe woods lie for the moſt part along the ſhore, and can be eaſily conveyed to the main land by water: In ſome of the woods, the oaks are full grown, and fit for ſhip timber.

WOOD TO BE SOLD.

TO be SOLD by public roup, at Old Poſſo, in the pariſh of Manour, and ſheriffdom of Peebles, upon Wedneſday the 24th of January 1781,

ONE HUNDRED and FORTY FULL-GROWN TREES, conſiſting moſtly of Planes, with ſome Aſhes and Elms.

The wood before the roup, may apply to William and Alexander Tucks, tenants in Poſſo.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, within the Exchange Coffee-houſe, on Monday the 5th day of February next, betwixt the hours of five and ſix afternoon,

I. The SHOPS and DWELLING HOUSES in the eaſter diviſion of Jack's foreland, Canongate, poſſeſſed by Mr Campbell, Mrs Moir, Mrs Horsburgh, Mrs Hamilton, Mr Macgregor, Mr Cheap, Mrs Hope, and the houſe lately poſſeſſed by Mrs Hunter, paying of yearly rent 117 l. 10 s. Sterling.

II. The SMALL HOUSES, two Factories, Coach-houſes, Stables, and Yards, at the back of Jack's Land, entering by the large gate, poſſeſſed by Mr Cameron and others, paying of yearly rent 50 l. 13 s. Sterling.

III. The TENEMENT of LAND upon the ſouth ſide of the Cowgate, oppoſite to the foot of Nidderies Wynd, called Scot's Land, poſſeſſed by Mr Gibſon, and others, paying of yearly rent 36 l. 18 s. Sterling.

IV. The TENEMENT of LAND on the north ſide of the Cowgate, called the Gunſtone Tenement, poſſeſſed by Mr Calder and others, paying of yearly rent 28 l. 13 s. 4 d. Sterling.

Theſe ſubjects will be ſold either in the above lots, or each ſubject as poſſeſſed by the different tenants, by itſelf, as purchaſers may incline.

The conditions of roup and progreſs of writs may be ſeen in the hands of Charles Livingſton writer in Edinburgh. And any perſon inclining to make a private bargain before the day of roup may apply to William Weemyſs writer to the ſignet, or to the ſaid Charles Livingſton.

AT LONDON for LEITH,
The KING GEORGE,
JAMES BOYD Maſter,
is now loading at Hawley's Wharf, near the Hermitage Bridge, and will ſail with the firſt convoy.

At London for Leith,
THE DILIGENCE,
THOMAS SHAW Maſter,
Now lying on the birth at Hawley's Wharf, taking in Goods for Leith, and will ſail with firſt convoy.

AT LONDON FOR LEITH,
THE LOVELY MARY,
WILLIAM BEATSON Maſter,
Now lying at Hawley and Down's Wharf, near the Hermitage Bridge, taking in goods, and will ſail with the firſt convoy.

The above ſhip has neat accommodation for paſſengers, and the beſt of uſage may be depended on.

Letters on buſineſs, directed to the Maſter, at the Edinburgh Coffee-houſe, No. 1. Swithing's Alley, will be properly attended to.

AT LEITH FOR LONDON,
THE Ship WILLIAM, WILLIAM ROXBURGH Commander, is ready to take in goods, and will ſail the 20th inſtant, with or without convoy. The William mounts 6 twelve-pounders, beſides ſmall arms, and fights under cloſe quarters; has very good accommodation for paſſengers.

For freight or paſſage apply to Captain Roxburgh on board, or William Robertſon, Leith.

PRIZES of 20l.

Thirty-fifth Day's Drawing, Dec. 27.

129	196	661	765	863	1334	1437	1594	1720	1903
1968	2067	2110	2158	2201	2218	2275	2381	2424	2530
3051	3070	3179	3251	3300	3458	3584	3593	3726	3781
3979	4136	4536	4630	4742	4866	4891	5114	5307	5358
5370	5478	5560	5692	5892	6256	6332	6553	6608	6732
6790	6823	6830	6957	6962	6976	6992	7109	7241	7248
7256	7367	7481	7839	7900	7997	8136	8242	8257	8370
8507	8736	8797	8826	8840	8874	8940	8967	9014	9157
9234	9393	9408	9462	9525	9555	9860	9892	9910	9987
10014	10120	10191	10289	10403	10523	10640	10868	11096	11135
11140	11310	11402	11515	11607	11722	11741	11813	12082	12153
12277	12503	12651	12719	12852	12893	13032	13411	13646	13654
13884	14178	14432	14504	14560	14589	14606	14656	14950	14971
15098	15292	15423	15565	15629	15773	16060	16107	16108	16245
16285	16332	16337	16819	16820	16830	16836	16842	17046	17294
17334	17338	17395	17449	17478	17602	17674	18051	18177	18228
18345	18480	18521	18571	18615	18740	18743	18914	18931	18943
19009	19154	19279	19312	19363	19453	19686	19729	19744	19829
20067	20339	20617		20938	21114	21141	21176	21250	21349
21444	21475	21795	22070	22282	22444	22468	22766	22795	22921
23312	23469	23494	23571	23647	23689	23709	23774	23780	24051
24228	24354	24416	24489	24541	24846	24888	25040	25133	25148
25163	25245	25306	25456	25648	25719	25813	25911	26017	26056
26294	26344	26383	26391	26431	26473	26541	26578	26630	26725
26760	26913	26973	27253	27362	27407	27493	27516	27697	27977
28302	28448	28526	28554	28830	29062	29106	29134	29171	29391
29415	29449	29478	29528	29575	29658	29743	29849	29885	29926
29967	29980	30064	30197	30282	30314	30345	30513	30571	30592
30901	31057	31261	31557	31561	31584	31769	31836	31910	31920
32458	32547	33050	33125	33180	33381	33439	33476	33507	33643
33663	33857	33978	34039	34158	34162	34231	34271	34452	34641
34797	34933	35095	35401	35437	35595	35682	35890	35958	35974
35991	36096	36102	36313	36430	36728	36768	36836	36948	37297
37512	37540	37690	37738	37768	37775	37790	37993	38137	38331
38399	38544	38617	38701	39033	39305	39382	39449	39609	39641
39645	39726	39868	39873	39894	39951	39998	40212	40335	40338
40512	40562	40589	40681	40685	40751	40765	40830	41017	41088
41160	41167	41506	41539	41650	41665	41822	42117	42302	42303
42313	42652	42784	42819	42911	42959	42981	43166	43393	43601
43735	43803	44044	44232	44331	44612	44953	44959	44963	45368
45396	45522	45596	45677	46018	46127	46143	46172	46218	46404
46616	46741	46751	46892	46896	46960	46992	47474	47484	47497
47618	47704	47766	47768	47787	47839	47940.			

Thirty-fixth day's drawing, Dec. 28.

153	738	790	900	919	1155	1166	1328	1371	1383
1430	1756	1821	1840	1927	2083	2112	2117	2181	2185
2862	3109	3392	3451	3463	3496	3576	3628	3837	4004
4072	4122	4132	4211	4531	4560	4564	4584	4598	4727
4736	4741	4757	4953	4968	5082	5119	5371	5519	5675
5781	5898	5944	6212	6324	6327	6336	6451	6928	6997
7324	7380	7392	7775	7809	7972	7998	8280	8748	8863
9096	9142	9106	9321	9372	9464	9936	10093	10200	10202
10220	10318	10402	10520	10700	10735	10907	11056	11070	11257
11270	11351	11354	11474	11626	11724	11778	11840	11856	12091
12175	12235	12499	12570	12666	13177	13210	13244	13528	13732
13739	13743	13784	13813	14011	14105	14187	14433	14503	14680
14805	14877	14991	15102	15191	15261	15376	15446	15495	15499
15569	15595	15634	15722	15879	16100	16160	16195	16209	16308
16370	16445	16457	16540	16648	16666	16729	16839	16914	16932
17081	17225	17418	17582	17720	17753	17928	18197	18438	18560
18602	18650	18678	18752	18766	18970	19047	19166	19215	19319
19329	19597	19617	19693	19746	20198	20208	20534	20607	20800
20845	21007	21034	21121	21189	21251	21364	21567	21735	21832
21838	22015	22111	22270	22319	22324	22337	22373	22408	22575
22593	22776	22901	23027	23061	23086	23182	23212	23359	23311
23350	23475	23602	23663	23724	23737	23777	23924	24347	24423
24467	24788	25039	25100	25150	25151	25171	25176	25177	25193
25355	25684	25706	25860	25865	25868	26005	26089	26136	26145
26293	26299	26573	26829	26966	27060	27090	27121	27231	27296
27378	27432	27437	27531	27661	27712	27837	28150	28488	28570
28811	28856	28890	28896	31051	31070	31736	31819	31824	31857
31984	32047	32056	32182	32309	32371	32563	32599	32683	32771
32878	32903	33409	33481	33488	33572	33771	33947	34145	34165
34249	34255	34286	34339	34545	34670	34675	34742	34762	34804
34816	35149	35188	35269	35330	35385	35396	35610	35667	35669
35696	35895	35979	36044	36329	36402	36411	36519	36548	36553
36676	36735	37000	37027	37032	37105	37404	37495	37542	37715
37799	38007	38270	38271	38459	38551	38676	38705	38725	38800
38831	38882	39185	39368	39582	39588	39634	39661	39820	40151
40282	40380	40476	40541	40607	40790	40882	41030	41177	41213
41386	41412	41421	41462	41870	42034	42126	42197	42242	42250
42439	42449	42506	42546	42634	42761	42825	42846	42939	42958
43066	43025	43054	43075	43181	43312	43349	43353	43380	43529
43549	43715	43858	43919	43976	44065	44142	44143	44156	44359
44629	44665	44666	44683	44694	44763	44835	44935	45005	45139
45243	45291	45317	45432	45774	45814	45945	46045	46152	46288
46319	46555	46709	46759	46782	46831	46997	47166	47224	47235
47306	47354	47407	47413	47476	47502	47555	47611	47628	47695
47802	26820.								

Thirty-seventh and last Day's Drawing, Dec. 29.

1729 10814 11454 15452 26302 27086 30414 32792 34386 46548 47168

To be SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Monday the 22d day of January current, between the hours of four and five afternoon,

THAT HOUSE in Nicolson's Square, fronting

south, No. 16. consisting of the kitchen floor, dining-room floor, drawing-room floor, bed-room floor, and garret rooms, with cellars and other conveniencies; all in good order.

The purchaser may enter immediately after the sale, or any time between and Whitsunday 1781, in his option; and to encourage a roup, the upset sum will be so low as 800 l. Sterling. The whole or greater part of the price, the buyer may retain for a given time in his hands.

The house may be seen every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, between the hours of twelve and two.

Apply to Thomas Cockburn writer to the signet, who will deal by private bargain.

TO be SOLD by public roup within the Exchange coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Thursday the 25th day of January 1781, between the hours of five and six afternoon,

The Lands of DUMBARNIE, consisting of

about 340 Scots acres, and lying within the parish of Dumbarnie, and county of Perth, with the Salmon Fishing upon the water of Earn thereto belonging. The free yearly rent is above 400 l. sterling. This estate lies in a most agreeable country, about a mile west from the Bridge of Earn, and five from Perth. The soil is in general a fine strong clay, and highly cultivated. Great part of the ground is inclosed, and there are many stripes and clumps of planting in a thriving condition.

The houses and office-houses are commodious. There is a good kitchen garden and pidgeon-house, and an orchyard well stored with fruit-trees, which begin to bear plentifully.

There is an inexhaustable quarry of fine free-stone in the grounds, which, from the scarcity of stone in that part of the country, and easy communication, both by land and water, with Perth, may turn to great advantage.

The lands hold partly of the Crown and partly of a subject superior; and entitle the proprietor to vote in elections. The tiends are valued. The upset price will be 9000 l. Sterling.

The conditions of sale, progress of writs, rentals, and surveys of the lands, will be shewn by William Lumsdaine, writer to the signet, New Street, Edinburgh.

JUDICIAL SALE by Adjournment.

THERE is to be SOLD, by authority of the Court of Session, upon Tuesday the 16th day of January 1781, betwixt the hours of four and eight o'clock afternoon, in the Parliament or New Session-House of Edinburgh, before the Lord Ordinary on the bills,

THE REMAINING SUBJECTS, belonging to GEORGE CHALMERS of Pittencrieff, as more fully described in former advertisements, in the Lots following:

LOT I.

The Lands and Barony of PITTENCRIEFF, in the county of Fife, situated about twelve miles from Edinburgh, with the adjoining lands of Mounthooly, Lusear, Drumtuthill, Clune, and Goukhall: Also, the mills and mill-lands of Dunfermline, with sundry feu-duties, acres, and tenements in and about that town and abbey, with the growing timber and plantations on the foresaid lands, exclusive of the coal and ironstone excepting as in the next lot.

The yearly free rental of the estates is 1514 l. 18 s. 2½ d.; and the proven value and upset-price, including that of grown wood, and above 60 acres of plantations, with building ground in and around the town of Dunfermline, and some old buildings and areas is L. 35269 14 6

LOT II.

The whole of the Coals and Ironstone under the said lands, and the Coals under the lands of Wester Baldridge (excepting those under and 30 fathoms round the mansion-house thereof, and excepting about 230 Scots acres round the house of Pittencrieff, and 10 acres round that of Clune, and also excepting the coals under the lands of Mounthooly, which belong to Robert Wellwood of Garvock, Esq: and also excepting the coals under the mansion-house, offices, and garden of Lusear, and under the grounds within 400 yards of said mansion); with all usual privileges for working and transporting the coals and iron-stone, on payment of surface damages, and particularly with power of making a main waggon-road through the lands, but restricted to a track, as marked upon the plan of the estates, and with a power to communicate the use of the said road to the coalleries of Urquhart, Baldridge, and Balmule, in terms of an anterior contract made by Mr Chalmers and the respective proprietors, with an assignment also to the said contract respecting waggon-ways, and to all other contracts and agreements he or those from whom he derives right have made for coal-roads, the delivery of coals, or the communications of levels with the harbour of Bruchaven, coal-folds, ware-house, and other buildings: Also, the adjoining farm of Wester Rosyth, containing 64 Scots acres or thereabouts, the proven rental of which farm, free of all deductions and land-tax, is 64 l. 13 s. 7 d.; together with the benefit of the tack of Windylaw, of which there are 28 years to run, and of the minister of Inverkeithing's glebe during his incumbency, both adjoining to Wester Rosyth.

The proven value of this lot, and at which it is to be set up, is as follows, viz.

The colleries, - -	L. 5000	0 0
Farm of Wester Rosyth, -	1422	18 10
Windylaw and glebe-leases, -	100	0 0
Proven value of Lot II. -	L. 6522	18 10

LOT III.

The following Parcels of the Lands of HERMITAGE, in the parish of South Leith, viz.

I. The large elegant and commodious Mansion-house and offices, with the gardens, barren timber, and two small grass inclosures, as possessed by the Countess of Fife, and containing about 8¼ Scots acres, with some servitude on the adjoining lots. Gross rent 120 l. Proportion of the feu-duty payable to the Trinity Hospital for the whole lands, 113 B. 2 F. 3 P. barley, and 3 l. 5 s. in money, valued at 12 s. 6 d. a-boll, 25 l. 12 s. 3 d. 9-12ths free rent 94 l. 7 s. 8 d. 3-12ths, which is to be set up at 18 years purchase, being the proven value, and is - L. 1698 18 4

The house may be viewed on Wednesdays and Fridays, from 12 to 2 o'clock.

N. B. The houses, fruit, and other walls on this possession, have cost above 2500 l.

II. Robert Watt's Feu, consisting of about 3 acres, 26 falls; and on which there are several new houses. Gross rent 23 l. 14 s. 9 d. feu-duty victual, converted as above, 5 l. 1 s. 3 d 10-12ths Free rent 18 l. 13 s. 5 d. 2-12ths, to be set up at 15 years purchase, and is - 280 1 5

III. James Allison's late feu, a Garden, with a large new house thereon, containing about 4 acres 1 rood 6½ falls. Gross rent 34 l. 10 s 2 d. feu-duty 7 l. 7 s. 3 d. 4-12ths, free rent 27 l. 2 s. 10 d. 8-12ths, to be set up at 15½ years purchase, is - - - 480 14 9

IV. West Low Park, in the proprietor's possession, containing 4½ acres. Gross rent 34 l. feu-duty 7 l. 5 s. 1 d. 9-12ths; to be set up at 18 years purchase, is - 481 7 4

N. B. There is a good deal of barren timber, from 25 to 40 years old, on this parcel, with a very copious spring of water in the centre of the field, thought sufficient to serve an ordinary town; and there is a fruit-wall round the north and east sides of it, which, with the west wall and gate, have cost above 250 l.

V. William Glover's Feu, on which houses are built, containing 6 falls. Gross rent 3l. feu-duty 12s. 9d. 9-12ths; free rent 2l. 7s. 2d. 3-12ths; to be set up at 20 years purchase, is 47 3 9

VI. William Wright's Feu, a Nursery containing 5 acres. Gross rent 26 l. 5 s. feu-duty 5 l. 12 s. 1 d. free rent 20 l. 12 s. 11 d.; to be set up at 17 years purchase, is 350 19 7

N. B. There is a very copious spring in the centre of this lot.

VII. Robert Wilson's Feu, with houses thereon, containing 4 acres. Gross rent 22 l. feu-duty 4 l. 13 s. 11 d. 1-12th; free rent 17 l. 6 s. 0 d. 11-12ths; to be set up at 16 years purchase, is - - - - 276 17 2

VIII. Peter Stephen's late Feu, and a house thereon (which lets at 4l.) containing 4 acres. Gross rent 22 l. Feu-duty for two of the acres, to the Earl of Moray, 6 d. Sterling, and to the Hospital 4l. 13s. 5d. 1-12th; free rent 17 l. 6 s. 0 d. 11-12ths; to be set up at 16½ years purchase, is 285 10 3

A mutual high wall with Hawk Hill is the south march of the two last feus.

Proven value of Lot Third, L. 3841 12 7

LOT IV.

FIVE LAIGH SHOPS, or Dwelling-houses, being the whole inner range of the East Wing of the New Exchange, entering a few steps down from the court, viz.

The shop possessed by James Clark, to be set up at	L. 35	0 0
Ditto, by William Murray, at - -	40	0 0
Ditto, by Peter Cuming, at - -	40	0 0
Ditto, by Mrs Campbell, at - -	60	0 0
Ditto, by Peter Mathieson, at -	40	0 0

The above five shops will be exposed jointly or separately, as purchasers shall incline.

LOT V.

A TACK of the farm of Hilton, in the barony of Rosyth, and county of Fife, for 28 years after Martinmas 1779, for which there is payable, over and above the rent to the Earl of Hopetoun the proprietor, 15 l. Sterling annually to George Chalmers, by the obligation of Messrs. Abraham Newton of Currie hill and John Newton his eldest son, possessors of the farm.—The proven value and upset price of which is 230 l.

LOT VI.

A TACK of the lands and estate of Bantaskine, lying in the parish of Falkirk, and shire of Stirling, of which there is 12 years to run after Martinmas 1779; and there is payable yearly to the said George Chalmers therefor, besides the proprietor's rent, 108l. 17s. 4d. 4-12ths. The proprietor is also obliged to pay to the tenant, at the expiration of the lease, for the inclosing and subdividing the whole lands, which, except a few acres round the mansion-house, has been all done during the currency of the tack; and also for a new steading of houses, and a proportion of some plantations, as all these may be valued at the expiration of the said lease. The proven value and upset price of this tack is 650 l.

The title-deeds of the estates, the rentals, and plans of those in Fife, with the articles and conditions of sale, will be seen in the hands of Mess. John Callendar depute clerk of Session, and William Anderson clerk to the signet.—Adam Patterson, overseer upon the estates at Dunfermline, will show the premisses in Fifeshire; and Alexander Marr gardener on the south side of Leith Links, those at Hermitage.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

A DIVISION being now to be made among the Creditors of Mess. JOHN and LAURENCE CRAIGIES of the personal subjects so far as have been recovered; the creditors are desired to lodge their grounds of debt, with oaths on the verity, in the hands of John Mackenzie accomptant in Edinburgh, trustee for the creditors, between and the 1st of February 1781. With certification, that such of the creditors as fail so to do, shall be cut off from any share in this dividend.

TO BE SOLD,

THESE Lands of MAXTOUN, possessed by

John Firmy tenant thereof, lying within the parish of Maxtoun, and shire of Roxburgh. The lands consist of 280 acres or thereby, whereof about 196 acres were infield land before the division of the town and territory of Maxtoun.——Also, The Temple Lands of LESSUDDEN, possessed by —— Fiddes, 40 acres and upwards, lying in the parish of Lessuden, and shire of Roxburgh.—The lands lie near the turnpike-road betwixt Melrose and Jedburgh, are of good quality, and may be much improved. They will be sold together or separately as may suit purchasers.

For rental, titles, and other particulars, apply to Thomas Cockburn writer to the signet.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

SALE OF LANDS IN AYR SHIRE.

THE whole LANDS and ESTATE belonging to GILBERT MACADAM of Merkland, to be SOLD, either in Lots or altogether, by public roup, upon Thursday the 18th day of January 1781, within the house of John M'Kenzie vintner in Ayr, between the hours of four and six o'clock afternoon, consisting of

THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS, viz.

Lot I. The farm of LEIGHTS, in the parish of New Cumnock, comprehending the two merk land of Carcow, the twenty shilling land of Laglaff, the half merk land of Dunshill, the one merk land of Auchinleck, and twenty shilling land of Leights.

The public burdens on these lands are 5l. 11s. 7d 5 12ths Sterling of stipend to the minister of New Cumnock, and nine shillings Sterling of schoolmaster's salary, and are valued in the cess-books of the county at 300 l. 6s. 8d. Scots of valuation.

The valued rent thereof is - - - L. 140 0 0

Lot II. The fourteen shilling and six penny land of old extent of BRUNTSHIELD, now called MERKLAND, and half merk land of Auchinglongford, in Bruntshield, of old extent, lying in the parish of Sorn, or Dalgain.

The public burdens in lot 2d are about 5 l. Sterling, and are valued in the cess-books at 132l. 9s. 2d. Scots.

The valued rent thereof is - - - 75 0 0

Lot III. The sixteen shilling land of MIDDLE HEILAR, lying in said parish of Sorn.

The public burdens on this last lot are four pecks, half meal half bear, to the minister of Mauchlin, ten shillings and sixpence Sterling to the minister of Sorn; and one shilling and threepence Sterling school salary.

The valued rent thereof is - - 35 0 0

L. 250 0 0

The above lands hold of the Crown, except the half-mark land of Auchinlongford, and entitle the proprietor to vote for a member to serve in Parliament. There is a considerable quantity of wood upon the lands ready for cutting, and fine young natural woods, properly inclosed, in the lands of Merkland. There are both coal and lime in the lands and in the neighbourhood, and are capable of great improvement, but the greatest part are excellent sheep pasture. Upon the lands of Leights there is a new-built convenient dwelling house, consisting of eight fire-rooms, neatly finished, and a good set of offices. The lower part of these lands are finely inclosed and subdivided with substantial stone dykes. And the whole being out of lease, may be entered to immediately.——Any person fond of retirement, or of rural diversions of fishing and hunting, cannot be more agreeably accommodated. The surrounding hills abound with game of all kinds, and the rivers with variety of fish.

The present possessors will show the premises; and the progress of writs, which are clear, will be shown, with the articles and conditions of roup, by applying to John Boswell writer in Ayr, any time within ten days of the roup.

ADJOURNED

JUDICIAL SALE of LANDS in Berwickshire.

TO be SOLD, by Authority of the Court of Session, within the Parliament-house, on Wednesday the 24th day of January 1781, between the hours of four and five afternoon,

The LANDS and ESTATE of LEETSIDE and HILTOWN MYRESIDE, which belonged to the deceased Robert Wood of Leetside, in the following Lots.

LOT I.

The Lands and Estate of Whitsom, called LEETSIDE, lying in the united parishes of Whitsom and Hiltown, as presently possessed by Matthew Laidler and John Dickson, with the teinds, houses, yards, and pertinents.

The proven yearly rent is - - L. 348 8 9 9-12ths

DEDUCTIONS.

Ministers stipend,	L. 8	13	10	
Schoolmaster's salary,	0	9	4	9-12ths
Feu-duties of part of the lands which hold of subject-superiors,	1	4	5	6-12ths
Blanch duties,	0	0	0	6-12ths
			10	7 8 9-12ths
Total free rent,			L. 338	1 0 3 12ths

Upset price, at 21 years purchase, is L. 7099 1 5 3-12ths

These lands, except a small part, hold of the Crown blench. They consist of 363 acres 3 roods 9 perches, English measure. The soil is remarkably fine. The whole estate is well inclosed with hedges and ditches, which are in the very best order and condition; the inclosures are large, well laid out, and amply supplied with water; the situation is good and convenient, being within six English miles of Dunse, seven of Berwick, and eight of Eyemouth, all great market towns. The straw belongs to the ground, and goes along with the property.—The house and stables are good, and covered with Easdale slates; the barns, shades, and other out-houses, are large and convenient; and the tenants are bound to keep all the houses and fences on the estate in good and sufficient condition, during their tacks, upon their own expences.

LOT II.

The Lands of HILTOWN MYRESIDE, with the teinds and pertinents occupied by Thomas Richardson.

The yearly rent is - - -			L. 36	0 0
Deductions,				
Minister's stipend - -	L. 0	2	10	
Schoolmaster's salary - -	0	4	1	
Blanch duties - -	0	0	1½	
			0 7	0½
Total free rent - -			L. 35	12 11½

Upset-price, at 21 years purchase, is - - L. 748 12 1½

The lands hold blanch of the Crown, and contain forty-one acres and two roods, English measure. They lie about a mile east from the lands in lot 1st. are divided into two inclosures, both well supplied with water, and every way fencible. The straw belongs to the ground; and the tenant is bound to uphold the houses and fences in good condition, upon his own expences.

The articles and conditions of sale to be seen in the hands of George Kirkpatrick, depute-clerk of Session; and copies thereof, with the progress of writs, and a plan of the estate, are lodged with Alexander Abercromby, clerk to the signet; and copies of the articles are also to be seen in the hands of James Lorain, sheriff-clerk of Berwick-shire.

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